

In the Drawings

In the drawings, Figure 1 has been amended by adding **Prior Art** to the drawing.



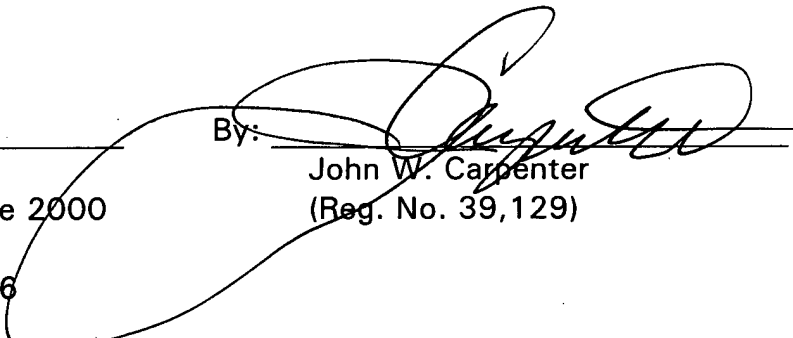
Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in this case. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is ready for examination. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing **Attorney Docket No. 353600.00901**. A duplicate sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
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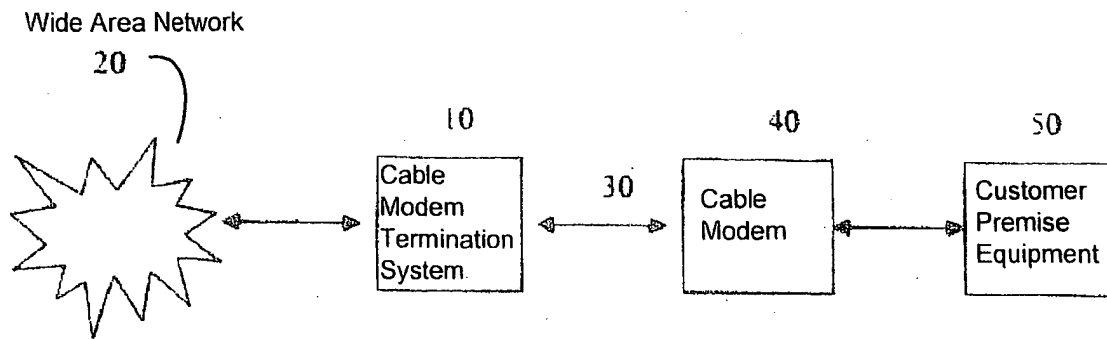
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NEW SHEET

Fig 1:



Prior Art